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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 23, 2003.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20050-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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Farm Service Agency

Title: On-line Registration for FSA-sponsored Events and Conferences.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0226.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking a blanket approval for all On-Line Registrations for FSA-sponsored events and conferences. The respondents will need to submit the information on-line to pay and to make reservation prior to attending any conferences and events. The respondents that do not have access to the Internet can mail or fax the information.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the name, organization, organizations address, country, phone number, State, payment options and special accommodations from respondents. FSA will use the information to get payment, confirm and make hotel and other necessary arrangement for the respondents.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Farms; Business or other for-profit; Federal government, Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 225.

Farm Service Agency

Title: USDA Minority Farm Register.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Summary of Collection: In order to conduct outreach to socially disadvantaged people, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) must first, identify the people who are to be the recipients of and who desires the outreach services; and second, obtain their permission under the Privacy Act to release information to the organizations that will be conducting the outreach. The purpose of this data collection is to establish a voluntary register of minority farmers, landowners, tenants and others with an agricultural interest. The Register will provide a name and address file of those interested in outreach efforts. The authority for the collection of this information can be found at 7 U.S.C. 2279.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the name, address, phone number, social security number, farm

location, race, ethnicity and gender from the Minority Farm Register Permission Form, FSA-1045. FSA will manage the register and will release names, addresses and phone numbers of individuals to approved outreach organizations requesting lists of individuals with particular racial and ethnic characteristics.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 55,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 34,225.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Performance Reporting System, Management Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0010.

Summary of Collection: The purpose of the Performance Reporting System is to ensure that each State agency and project area is operating the Food Stamp Program in accordance with the Act, regulations, and the State agency's Plan of Operation. Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, amended, requires State agencies to maintain necessary records to ascertain that the Food Stamp Program is operating in compliance with the Act and regulations and must make these records available to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for inspection.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will use the information to evaluate state agency operations and to collect information that is necessary to develop solutions to improve the State's administration of Program policy and procedures. Each State agency is required to submit one review schedule every one, two, or three years, depending on the project areas make-up of the state.

Description of Respondents: State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 492,356.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 226 Child and Adult Care Food Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0055.

Summary of Collection: Section 17 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1766), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide